

It is unfortunate that it is believed that ILEC's require government monies to extend service into rural areas. ILEC's are well established and have all the capital that they require to do any build-out or upgrades to their systems to support customers in outlying areas; the companies choose not to because they do not want to pay for it.

We should not punish new competitive companies who are struggling to compete against incumbent carriers; new wireless providers are giving customers like myself a choice that I would otherwise not have and I do not want my money to go to support companies which have had the money to support me but have chosen not to.

There is a long history of mismanagement of funds by ILEC's and of poor support for rural areas and this should not be rewarded by bailing them out with monies aquired from new companies and their customers. It is unnecessary to provide these companies any more money which customers have chosen not to spend with them.